

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-27, 29-38, 40-48, and 50 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 5, 28, 39, and 49 are canceled. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claims 3, 5, and 13. Independent claim 35 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claim 39. Independent claim 47 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claim 49. Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 13, 14, 16-21, 24-27, 29-35, 40-44, 46, 47, and 50 are amended to correct minor errors and to clarify the claim language. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 29-34 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. Claims 29 and 50 are amended to overcome the rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 29-34 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

II. Objection to Claims

The Office Action states that claims 13-27, 36, 39-46, 48 and 49 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claims 3, 5, and 13, independent claim 35 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claim 39, and independent claim 47 is amended to incorporate limitations originally presented in claim 49.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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